

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 259

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Randy Coffman upon being named the 2017 Naismith Girls' High School Coach of the Year.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through their unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as exceptional coaches and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary individual is Randy Coffman, who has been named the 2017 Naismith Girls' High School Coach of the Year, a most befitting recognition of his outstanding accomplishments as a leader of young student athletes; and

WHEREAS, every year, a group of basketball journalists from around the nation, who comprise the Naismith Awards' High School Voting Academy as part of the Atlanta Tipoff Club, determine who should be nominated and ultimately declared the Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coffman was nominated along with a host of worthy competitors, including Craig Campbell of California, Jonathan Scribner of Washington, D.C., Karen Weitz of Nevada, and Keisha Hunt of Hamilton Heights Christian Academy in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coffman is the head coach of the Riverdale High School Lady Warriors basketball team, a group of young women who epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Coach Coffman, the Lady Warriors have won two consecutive Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA state

championships. This formidable basketball team has also won the past forty-three games and concluded its magnificent 2016-2017 season with a perfect, undefeated record of 34-0; and

WHEREAS, the Riverdale High School girls' basketball team is currently ranked number one in the nation by *USA Today* and MaxPreps; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coffman has become the first Tennessee coach to be named the Naismith Girls' High School Coach of the Year and only the second coach from Murfreesboro to garner a national girls' coach of the year honor; and

WHEREAS, Randy Coffman, a man of true character and commitment, exemplifies dedication and leadership, and he is admired and respected for his tireless efforts to excel, always guided by solid principles and high standards, whether in the athletic arena or in the actions of his daily life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Randy Coffman upon being named the 2017 Naismith Girls' High School Coach of the Year and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.